MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD SMSAS

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Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri unemployment edged up slightly in October, as seasonal conditions began to cause increases in unemployment rather than decreases as they have since early summer. The number of jobless Missourians increased by about 1100, and the unemployment rate went up from 5.7 to 5.8 percent. Even so, the increase in unemployment is probably not as great as typical for October.

Employment increased slightly in the state, with total employment growing by about 550 to 2,368,900; this too was slightly contrary to expected seasonal change, as total employment usually begins to edge down in October. The estimate of total employment is now about 118,000 higher than it was a year ago; during this period the unemployment rate fell by six-tenths of a percentage point. The state's labor force has continued to grow virtually all year, only pausing in July and August when some summer workers or jobseekers left the pausing in July and August when some summer workers or jobseekers left the labor force. In October, the labor force grew by about 6500 to 2,513,500.

The number of nonfarm payroll jobs in the state increased slightly in October, edging up by 1500 to 2,049,500 jobs. The net growth occurred in state and local government where the usual fall increase in school and college employment pushed the total up by 8900 to 274,100 jobs. Durable goods manufacturing was essentially unchanged between September and October, at 256,000, while nondurable goods manufacturing employment was down by 400 on balance,

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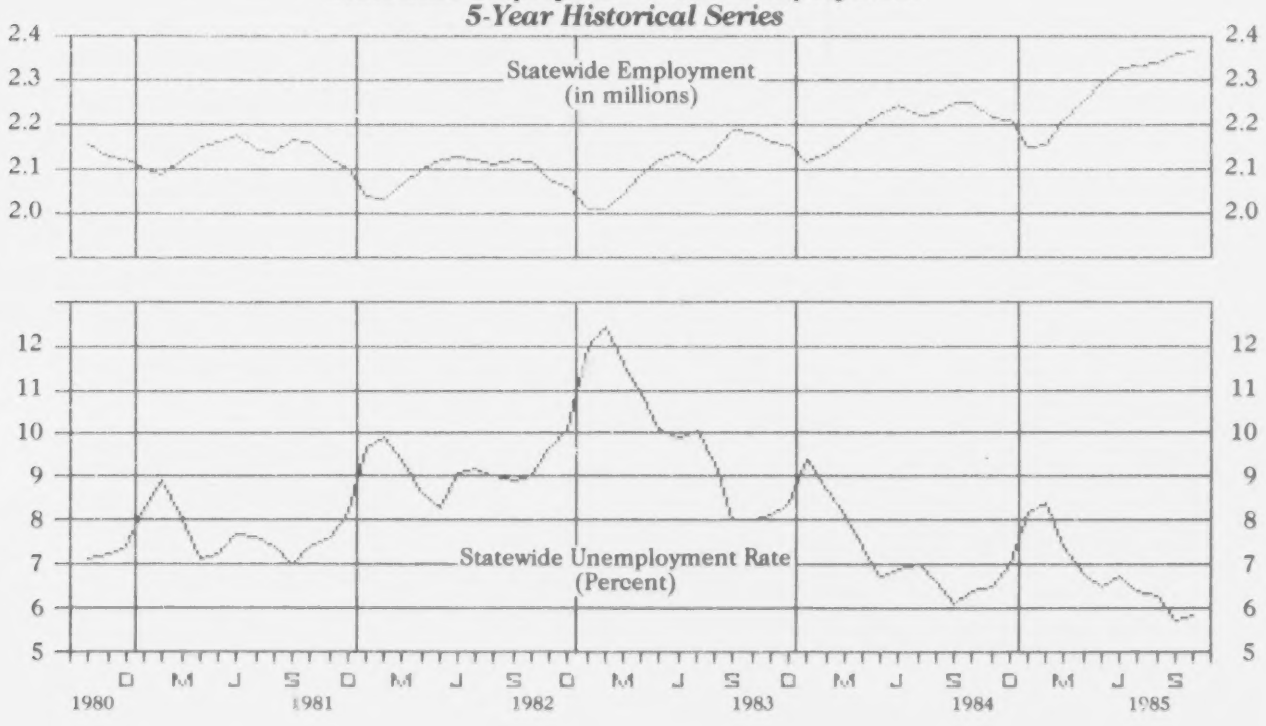

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COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - OCT 1985 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - SEP 1985 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - OCT 1984 (BENCHMARKED 1984)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2513509	2368881	144628	5.8	2506973	2363425	143548	5.7	2405063	2250700	154363	6.4
ST. LOUIS MSA	1200044	1116524	83520	7.0	1196022	1112715	83307	7.0	1174081	1085214	88867	7.6
KANSAS CITY MSA	762984	728378	34606	4.5	763816	731295	32521	4.3	740841	703686	37155	5.0
SPRINGFIELD MSA	122224	116746	5478	4.5	121494	115900	5594	4.6	119082	113216	5866	4.9
COLUMBIA MSA	65443	63093	2350	3.6	65180	62880	2300	3.5	60675	58500	2175	3.6
JOPLIN MSA	65178	61544	3634	5.6	64453	60709	3744	5.8	59181	55616	3565	6.0
ST. JOSEPH MSA	41170	38501	2669	6.5	41311	38514	2797	6.8	42712	39263	3449	8.1
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	16790	16124	666	4.0	16206	15570	636	3.9	16213	15384	829	5.1
ANDREW	6979	6674	305	4.4	6855	6583	272	4.0	6523	6096	427	6.5
ATCHISON	4358	4230	128	2.9	4452	4279	173	3.9	4309	4040	269	6.2
AUDRAIN	12036	11316	720	6.0	11643	10899	744	6.4	11438	10663	775	6.8
BARRY	12952	12343	609	4.7	12979	12312	667	5.1	11511	10936	575	5.0
BARTON	5468	5278	190	3.5	5374	5220	154	2.9	5148	4963	185	3.6
BATES	8234	7840	394	4.8	8153	7780	373	4.6	7802	7392	410	5.3
BENTON	5852	5489	363	6.2	6062	5707	355	5.9	5621	5280	341	6.1
BOLLINGER	3188	2780	408	12.8	3173	2828	345	10.9	3178	2764	414	13.0
BUTLER	17999	16595	1404	7.8	18030	16679	1351	7.5	17008	15521	1487	8.7
CALDWELL	3705	3535	170	4.6	3728	3532	196	5.3	3838	3606	232	6.0
CALLAWAY	19329	18379	950	4.9	19661	18632	1029	5.2	18724	17441	1283	6.9
CAMDEN	16248	15486	762	4.7	17134	16401	733	4.3	13004	12252	752	5.8
CAPE GIRARDEAU	35286	33834	1452	4.1	34712	33269	1443	4.2	31620	30079	1541	4.9
CARROLL	5067	4767	300	5.9	4879	4653	226	4.6	4756	4448	308	6.5
CARTER	3088	2696	392	12.7	2995	2645	350	11.7	2682	2384	298	11.1
CEDAR	4852	4528	324	6.7	4765	4399	366	7.7	4612	4318	294	6.4
CHARITON	5436	5070	366	6.7	5497	5157	340	6.2	5250	4865	385	7.3
CLARK	3888	3588	300	7.7	3760	3531	229	6.1	3449	3113	336	9.7
CLINTON	7669	7340	329	4.3	7650	7324	326	4.3	7409	6980	429	5.8
COLE/OSAGE LMA	40550	38561	1989	4.9	39940	38003	1937	4.8	37302	34865	2437	6.5
COOPER	7611	7237	374	4.9	7672	7291	381	5.0	7096	6691	405	5.7
CRAWFORD	7882	7331	551	7.0	8074	7546	528	6.5	7411	6888	523	7.1
DADE	4069	3862	207	5.1	4105	3915	190	4.6	3899	3776	123	3.2
DALLAS	5325	4960	365	6.9	5192	4848	344	6.6	4771	4477	294	6.2
DAVIESS	3380	3210	170	5.0	3360	3203	157	4.7	3187	2990	197	6.2
DEKALB	3989	3806	183	4.6	3909	3747	162	4.1	3478	3286	192	5.5
DENT	6368	5857	511	8.0	6526	6045	481	7.4	6102	5492	610	10.0
DOUGLAS	5070	4491	579	11.4	4986	4449	537	10.8	4770	4190	580	12.2
DUNKLIN	13813	12557	1256	9.1	13830	12538	1292	9.3	13411	12025	1386	10.3
GASCONADE	7708	7436	272	3.5	7557	7294	263	3.5	7150	6758	392	5.5
GENTRY	4110	4001	109	2.7	4285	4187	98	2.3	4097	3971	126	3.1
GRUNDY	5518	5195	323	5.9	5618	5302	316	5.6	5369	4940	429	8.0
HARRISON	5646	5413	233	4.1	5631	5399	232	4.1	5208	4983	225	4.3
HENRY	10368	9747	621	6.0	10440	9781	659	6.3	9809	9256	553	5.6
HICKORY	2952	2793	159	5.4	2994	2835	159	5.3	2529	2366	163	6.4
HOLT	3647	3548	99	2.7	3783	3695	88	2.3	3513	3384	129	3.7
HOWARD	5131	4890	241	4.7	5141	4868	273	5.3	4672	4455	217	4.6
HOWELL	13805	12777	1028	7.4	13777	12778	999	7.3	13230	12177	1053	8.0
IRON	3785	3296	489	12.9	3805	3319	486	12.8	4487	3671	816	18.2
JOHNSON	17814	17085	729	4.1	17656	17121	535	3.0	17042	16349	693	4.1
KNOX	2562	2423	139	5.4	2454	2322	132	5.4	2472	2314	158	6.4
LACLEDE	12728	11613	1115	8.8	12619	11628	991	7.9	11417	10314	1103	9.7
LAWRENCE	13635	12844	791	5.8	13589	12738	851	6.3	12225	11460	765	6.3

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LEWIS	6214	5728	486	7.8	6293	5794	499	7.9	5618	5181	437	7.8
LINCOLN	11933	11183	750	6.3	11860	11129	731	6.2	10587	9886	701	6.6
LINN	8267	7554	713	8.6	8068	7466	602	7.5	7792	7022	770	9.9
LIVINGSTON	7241	6889	352	4.9	7091	6769	322	4.5	6856	6383	473	6.9
MACON	7412	6901	511	6.9	8029	6940	1089	13.6	7201	6787	414	5.7
MADISON	3989	3616	373	9.4	3857	3549	308	8.0	3793	3396	397	10.5
MARIES	3348	3100	248	7.4	3327	3109	218	6.6	2647	2396	251	9.5
MARION/RALLS LMA	19227	17964	1263	6.6	19427	18002	1425	7.3	18352	17123	1229	6.7
MCDONALD	6105	5625	480	7.9	6128	5644	484	7.9	5681	5259	422	7.4
MERCER	1849	1755	94	5.1	1839	1736	103	5.6	1875	1781	94	5.0
MILLER	11727	10836	891	7.6	11813	11118	695	5.9	10380	9489	891	8.6
MISSISSIPPI	7320	6565	755	10.3	7249	6536	713	9.8	6470	5824	646	10.0
MONITEAU	5333	4738	595	11.2	5103	4753	350	6.9	4936	4502	434	8.8
MONROE	5058	4867	191	3.8	5059	4861	198	3.9	4730	4486	244	5.2
MONTGOMERY	5432	5058	374	6.9	5542	5127	415	7.5	5310	4947	363	6.8
MORGAN	6338	5646	692	10.9	6412	5877	535	8.3	5863	5256	607	10.4
NEW MADRID	12377	11502	875	7.1	12284	11389	895	7.3	11585	10753	832	7.2
NODAWAY	11955	11479	476	4.0	11592	11186	406	3.5	11041	10558	483	4.4
OREGON	3232	2926	306	9.5	3124	2897	227	7.3	3152	2816	336	10.7
OZARK	4471	4242	229	5.1	4625	4353	272	5.9	4308	4004	304	7.1
PEMISCOT	8931	8228	703	7.9	9006	8278	728	8.1	8291	7480	811	9.8
PERRY	7733	7334	399	5.2	7751	7340	411	5.3	7180	6660	520	7.2
PETTIS	18910	17722	1188	6.3	18525	17313	1212	6.5	16618	15495	1123	6.8
PHELPS	16853	15962	891	5.3	16427	15617	810	4.9	15906	14905	1001	6.3
PIKE	7331	6829	502	6.8	7313	6744	569	7.8	7164	6518	646	9.0
POLK	9989	9389	600	6.0	9759	9069	690	7.1	8957	8526	431	4.8
PULASKI	10161	9474	687	6.8	9853	9207	646	6.6	8870	8170	700	7.9
PUTNAM	3046	2923	123	4.0	2907	2832	75	2.6	3074	2931	143	4.7
RANDOLPH	12343	11583	760	6.2	12911	12095	816	6.3	11538	10884	654	5.7
REYNOLDS	2239	1936	303	13.5	2199	1883	316	14.4	2281	1995	286	12.5
RIPLEY	3734	3340	394	10.6	3661	3298	363	9.9	3277	2974	303	9.2
SALINE	14828	14270	558	3.8	14879	14259	620	4.2	13862	13184	678	4.9
SCOTLAND	2696	2574	122	4.5	2599	2519	80	3.1	2495	2379	116	4.6
SCOTT	18345	16977	1368	7.5	18425	16995	1430	7.8	17270	15706	1564	9.1
SHANNON	2934	2532	402	13.7	2710	2352	358	13.2	3136	2759	377	12.0
SHELBY	3609	3474	135	3.7	3658	3508	150	4.1	3383	3223	160	4.7
ST. CLAIR	4011	3836	175	4.4	4092	3914	178	4.3	3825	3650	175	4.6
ST. FRANCOIS	20876	19056	1820	8.7	20341	18489	1852	9.1	19619	17734	1885	9.6
STE. GENEVIEVE	6651	6166	485	7.3	6577	6124	453	6.9	5616	5199	417	7.4
STODDARD	13895	12876	1019	7.3	13729	12820	909	6.6	12735	11657	1078	8.5
STONE	10086	9475	611	6.1	10078	9479	599	5.9	8396	7812	584	7.0
SULLIVAN	3657	3488	169	4.6	3579	3378	201	5.6	3500	3312	188	5.4
TANEY	17481	16735	746	4.3	19486	18797	689	3.5	15840	15102	738	4.7
TEXAS	8040	7126	914	11.4	8040	7265	775	9.6	8192	6882	1310	16.0
VERNON	10572	10123	449	4.2	10158	9800	358	3.5	9590	9117	473	4.9
WARREN	7671	7301	370	4.8	7707	7290	417	5.4	6570	6109	461	7.0
WASHINGTON	5213	4412	801	15.4	4793	3977	816	17.0	4499	3735	764	17.0
WAYNE	4447	3951	496	11.2	4563	4092	471	10.3	4315	3773	542	12.6
WEBSTER	9132	8416	716	7.8	9138	8314	824	9.0	7878	7195	683	8.7
WORTH	1335	1290	45	3.4	1289	1269	20	1.6	1152	1097	55	4.8
WRIGHT	8001	7354	647	8.1	7911	7168	743	9.4	7465	6814	651	8.7

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
October, 1985

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2049.5	2047.8	2044.6									
Total Manufacturing	429.1	429.3	435.3	INA	INA	382.59	INA	INA	40.4	INA	INA	9.47
Durable Goods	246.1	245.9	250.2	INA	INA	420.85	INA	INA	41.3	INA	INA	10.19
Lumber & Wood Products	10.6	10.8	10.9	246.93	251.72	239.12	39.7	40.6	39.2	6.22	6.20	6.10
Furniture & Fixtures	11.1	11.1	10.9	315.98	320.60	333.14	42.7	43.5	44.3	7.40	7.37	7.52
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.6	10.6	11.0	422.58	421.74	411.68	40.4	39.9	40.6	10.46	10.57	10.14
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	0.8	545.10	548.26	551.14	39.5	39.5	40.2	13.80	13.88	13.71
Structural Clay Prod.	2.2	2.2	2.4	466.88	454.71	451.95	39.6	38.6	39.3	11.79	11.78	11.50
Primary Metal Industries	12.6	12.5	13.8	439.19	433.35	399.31	40.5	40.6	38.2	10.68	10.63	10.86
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.9	1.8	2.2	382.55	369.56	335.75	41.9	40.7	40.7	9.13	9.08	8.50
Nonferrous Foundries	3.2	3.1	3.0	341.43	316.36	339.36	42.1	40.1	42.0	8.11	7.90	8.08
Fabricated Metal Products	28.8	28.7	28.2	391.94	394.70	378.51	41.3	41.2	40.7	9.49	9.58	9.30
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	11.4	11.3	10.5	394.15	382.44	358.02	42.2	41.3	40.5	9.34	9.26	8.84
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.7	31.8	31.9	410.47	406.42	405.90	40.6	40.3	41.2	10.11	10.06	9.89
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	51.6	51.3	51.7	374.37	382.32	362.35	39.7	40.5	39.3	9.43	9.44	9.22
Transportation Equipment	70.8	70.7	72.8	INA	INA	593.48	INA	INA	45.2	INA	INA	13.13
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	30.6	30.5	34.3	609.00	600.06	633.12	43.5	42.8	48.0	14.00	14.02	13.19
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.4	11.4	11.8	302.25	295.11	305.52	40.3	39.4	38.0	7.50	7.49	8.04
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	6.9	7.0	7.2	261.90	256.80	261.19	38.8	38.5	39.1	6.75	6.67	6.68
Nondurable Goods	183.0	183.4	185.1	343.17	349.20	334.05	39.4	40.0	39.3	8.71	8.73	8.50
Food & Kindred Products	45.3	44.9	44.8	411.58	412.37	399.49	42.3	42.6	41.7	9.73	9.68	9.58
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	12.5	12.4	11.7	283.39	285.91	301.46	40.6	41.8	42.7	6.98	6.84	7.06
Dairy Products	6.2	6.2	6.3	443.77	432.90	398.56	44.6	44.4	42.4	9.95	9.75	9.40
Grain Mill Products	7.2	7.1	7.1	478.80	480.15	433.72	45.0	45.0	42.9	10.64	10.67	10.11
Bakery Products	5.4	5.0	5.4	384.54	374.19	390.53	39.0	38.3	38.4	9.86	9.77	10.17
Beverages	10.0	10.2	10.1	613.55	614.70	580.02	41.4	41.2	39.7	14.82	14.92	14.61

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Other Food & Kindred	3.9	3.9	4.2	424.49	431.61	403.24	45.4	45.1	41.7	9.35	9.57	9.67
Textile & Apparel	23.8	24.3	25.3	195.05	202.03	192.96	35.4	36.6	35.8	5.51	5.52	5.39
Paper & Allied Products	13.4	13.4	13.0	378.51	388.27	372.11	40.7	41.0	41.3	9.30	9.47	9.01
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.9	6.9	6.8	392.92	383.26	365.98	41.8	40.6	40.8	9.40	9.44	8.97
Printing & Publishing	39.8	39.9	39.9	379.61	393.79	379.23	38.5	39.3	38.5	9.86	10.02	9.85
Commercial Printing	12.9	12.9	12.8	431.98	452.45	447.45	40.6	41.7	40.9	10.64	10.85	10.94
Chemicals & Allied	29.6	29.7	29.1	462.26	468.54	470.48	40.8	41.1	42.5	11.33	11.40	11.07
Leather & Leather Products	17.7	17.9	19.4	192.60	202.91	186.09	35.8	37.3	34.7	5.38	5.44	5.38
Footwear Exc. Rubber	14.3	14.4	15.5	186.38	195.94	179.73	35.5	36.9	34.3	5.25	5.31	5.24
Total Nonmanufacturing	1620.4	1618.5	1609.3									
Mining	6.4	6.6	5.9									
Construction	85.2	86.6	87.3									
Transportation & Public Util.	133.1	133.6	135.6									
Railroad Transportation	12.6	12.6	13.4									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	68.4	68.9	69.9									
Communications	52.1	52.1	52.3									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	490.1	491.8	485.2									
Wholesale Trade	130.4	130.0	131.4									
Retail Trade	359.7	361.8	353.8									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	115.3	115.9	113.7									
Services	446.6	448.8	438.7									
Government	343.7	335.2	342.9									
Federal Government	69.6	70.0	68.6									
State & Local Government	274.1	265.2	274.3									

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mostly in apparel manufacturing. In the nonmanufacturing sector, construction experienced a seasonal drop of 1400 jobs, while the service industries were down by 2200 jobs and retail trade by 2100 jobs.

Estimated nonfarm payroll employment has increased by only 4900 jobs over the past year. Decreases of 4100 jobs in the durable goods manufacturing industries (most of which is due to temporary reductions in employment in the automobile industry) and 2100 jobs in nondurable goods manufacturing were more than offset by gains of 11,100 in the nonmanufacturing industries. Even in this sector, conditions varied substantially among industries. The big gainers were services (7900 jobs) and retail trade (5900 jobs), while transportation and public utilities employment was 2500 below the year ago level and construction was down by 2100 jobs.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

Although gross national product grew at a more respectable pace in the third quarter than it did earlier in the year, there still does not seem to be much forward momentum to the economy. Retail sales have dropped substantially, with the end of the automakers' discount financing offers. Although the economy does not appear to be "taking off," neither does it appear to be in danger of slipping into recession in the short-term future.

National unemployment was the same in October as in September, with the seasonally adjusted civilian rate remaining at 7.1 percent and 8.3 million Americans unemployed. Total civilian employment was up by about 325,000 over the month and 2.2 million from a year earlier. The employment population ratio - the percentage of the 16-and-over population which was employed -- regained its record high of 60.3 percent in October.

Nonfarm payroll employment grew by about 400,000 jobs between September and October, on a seasonally adjusted basis. Manufacturing was little changed over the month, with most of the growth occurring in services and other nonmanufacturing industries. Compared to a year ago, the number of jobs is up by about 3 million. Manufacturing lost some jobs over the year, while retail trade, services, finance, construction, and government all showed increases.

Outlook

The economy appears to be in a relatively stable situation at the moment, with weakness in many manufacturing industries but no apparent danger of recession in the upcoming months. This sould be reflected in relatively small underlying changes in employment and unemployment.

This does not mean that there will be no changes in estimated employment and unemployment, since we are entering the time of year when seasonal changes become important. Moderate declines in employment and increases in unemployment are the rule for November and December. Retail trade should, of course, show the usual Christmas increase, but most other industries are unlikely to experience gains. It is not until January, however, that the seasonal changes become substantial.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments Missouri — October, 1985

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,513,500	2,506,900	2,405,100	6,600	108,400
Total Employed	2,368,900	2,363,400	2,250,700	5,500	118,200
Total Unemployed	144,600	143,500	154,400	1,100	-9,800
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	5.8	5.7	6.4	0.1	-0.6
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment					
Except Comestics (No. of Jobs)	2,049,400	2,047,900	2,044,500	1,500	4,900
Manufacturing	429,000	429,300	435,200	-300	-6,200
Durable Goods	246,000	245,900	250,100	100	-4,100
Nondurable Goods	183,000	183,400	185,100	-400	-2,100
Nonmanufacturing	1,620,400	1,618,600	1,609,300	1,800	11,100
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	7,689	6,471	7,998	1,218	-308
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	39,174	35,829	34,252	3,345	4,922
Insured Unemployment Rate	1.7	1.9	2.1	-0.2	-0.4
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,041	2,716	3,300	325	-259
Amount of Benefits Paid	$14,904,955	$12,518,384	$11,070,303	$2,386,571	$3,834,652
State U.I.	14,573,663	12,251,634	10,798,154	2,322,029	3,775,509
UCFE	175,341	135,817	128,548	39,524	46,793
UCX	155,951	130,933	143,601	25,018	12,350

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

October, 1985

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Normal seasonal losses in several Nonmanufacturing industries led to the Area's October 1985 unemployment rate rising by two tenths of a percentage point to 4.5 per cent of the labor force. Employment as neasured by the non-agricultural wage and salaried employment series fell by 1,500, while the civilian employment series posted a drop of 2,900 persons over-the-month. The bulk of the Area's employment losses were recorded in Services, Construction and Retail Trade. Gains in school employment only partially offset these losses. The increase in the number of jobless persons of 2,100 was accompanied by a slight shrinkage in the civilian labor force by 800 persons. Despite the monthly losses, the labor market compared favorably to a year ago in October. Over the 12 months, civilian employment has grown by 24,700, with 22,100 of that growth accounted for by an increase in the size of the civilian labor force and 2,600 resulting from a decline in the number of jobless. The 12-month gain in payroll employment, however, is the smallest recorded of the year over last year's levels. More than a third of the Area's major industries showed declines over the 12-month period.

Wage and salaried employment in October 1985 was 678,600, down by 1,500 from the September 1985 total of 680,100. The bulk of the Area's losses were recorded in the Area's Nonmanufacturing industries. The Services industry lost 1,400 jobs, primarily in recreational services. Employment in the Construction industry fell by 1,200 over-the-month, with slightly more than half of those losses in special trades and the remaining losses in nonbuilding construction. Wholesale and Retail Trade recorded losses for the second consecutive month as Retail Trade lost another 500 jobs, mostly in eating and drinking places and Wholesale Trade declined by 200. Other Nonmanufacturing industries showing declines over-the-month were Federal Government with 200 fewer jobs and Transportation, Communications and Utilities down by 100. The only significant gain recorded over-the-month was posted in State and Local Government as school employment rose by 1,800 jobs. Manufacturing employment showed little change over-the-month.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 3,500 jobs from October 1984 to October 1985. Durable Goods Manufacturing posted a slight overall gain. Nonmanufacturing gained 3,200 jobs over-the-year. Within Nonmanufacturing the largest over-the-year gain was recorded in the Services industry which added another 2,700 jobs. While most of the gains were recorded in building services, other industries showing substantial gains were hotels, commercial sports, other business services, health and educational services. Led by gains in schools and other state and numicipal government increased by 1,600 jobs over-the-year. Advances in insurance, erdit agencies and real estate accounted for a gain of 1,000 jobs in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate. Federal Government was the only other nonmanufacturing industry recording gains over-the-year. Losses of 1,600 jobs were recorded in Retail Trade which sustained losses over year ago levels for the eighth consecutive month. While automotive dealers gained jobs compared to a year ago, apparel, eating and drinking and miscellaneous retail sustained major losses over the period. For the first time in 1985, the Construction industry fell below 1984 levels by 700 jobs.

Within the Manufacturing sector, Fabricated Metals showed a gain of 700 jobs, while chemicals also gained 400 jobs, primarily in drugs and plastics. The only Manufacturing industry showing major loss was Primary Metals, which fell by 500 jobs over the period. Most other Manufacturing industries showed only minor changes over the 12-month period.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 34,600 in October 1985 for 4.5 per cent of the labor force, compared to 32,500 in September 1985 for 4.3 per cent of the labor force and 37,200 in October 1984 for 5.0 per cent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

The Area's labor market is expected to show only minor changes in November 1985. The unemployment rate will fall slightly as Area merchants hire some additional workers for the holiday shopping season. Employment in Retail Trade normally increases by over 2,000, but recent sluggishness in Retail Trade will probably significantly reduce that expected increase. Continued losses in the Services industry and Construction will further diminish any substantial employment advances in the Area. Overall Manufacturing employment is also expected to record little change over-the-month. Unemployment is expected to be 4.3 per cent of the labor force in November 1985, compared to 4.5 per cent in October 1985 and 5.0 per cent in November 1984.

While payroll jobs will probably increase in the Area in December 1985, spurred on by continued hiring in Retail Trade, the civilian unemployment rate normally rises slightly in December. Few changes other than seasonal ones are expected in the Area's labor market. Losses in Services and Construction will continue. Manufacturing will show only minor changes. Unemployment is expected to be 4.5 per cent of the labor force in December 1985, compared to 5.3 per cent in December 1984.

Kansas City Area-
Missouri Job Service Statistics

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 31,884 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of October 1985. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics	Per Cent
Age: Under 22	16.8
22-44	67.4
45 and over	15.8
Sex: Male	58.0
Female	42.0
Racial or Ethnic Group	
Black	32.9
Other Non-White	1.1
Hispanic	2.1

Miscellaneous Characteristics	Per Cent
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	44.2
Veterans	21.7
Handicapped	2.5

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated October 31, 1985.

Job Placements

During October 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 11,244 and job placements totaled 4,425. There were 2,048 veteran referrals in October 1985, with 418 veteran placements. During September 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 8,994 and job placements totaled 2,758. There were 1,518 veteran referrals in September 1985, with 282 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated October 31, 1985.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed in the Kansas City Area (Missouri Side Only) October 1985

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	15.9	17.4	16.6
25-34	42.0	35.2	38.8
35-44	22.1	22.5	22.3
45-54	10.7	14.1	12.3
55-64	8.2	9.3	8.7
65 and over	0.9	1.4	1.2
Unreported	0.2	0.1	0.1

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agricultural	0.3
Mining	0.4
Construction	8.7
Manufacturing	28.4
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	6.9
Wholesale & Retail Trade	17.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4.1
Services	28.2
All Other	5.4
Information not available	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	12.8
Clerical	20.5
Sales	4.6
Services	13.9
Farming, Forestry & Fishing	0.3
Processing	1.8
Machine Trades	6.2
Benchwork	7.9
Structural Work	7.8
Miscellaneous	13.8
Information not available	10.4

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 4,309; 2,304 were male and 2,002 were female.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1984)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current:** October, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	678,600	680,100	675,100	-1,500	+3,500
Total Manufacturing	120,900	120,700	120,600	+200	+300
Durable Goods	68,500	68,200	68,300	+300	+200
Lumber & Furniture	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	+100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	3,500	3,500	4,000	0	-500
Fabricated Metal Products	10,100	10,000	9,400	+100	+700
Machinery Except Electrical	7,900	7,800	8,000	0	+100
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	20,900	20,900	20,800	0	+100
Transportation Equipment	15,100	15,000	15,000	+100	+100
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(14,900)	(14,800)	(14,800)	(+100)	(+100)
Other Durable Goods	3,600	3,600	3,800	0	-200
Nondurable Goods	52,400	52,500	52,300	-100	+100
Food & Kindred Products	9,900	10,000	10,000	-100	-100
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	5,300	5,400	5,500	-100	-200
Printing & Publishing	19,800	19,800	20,000	0	-200
Chemicals & Allied Products	9,000	9,000	8,600	0	+400
Petroleum & Coal Products	600	600	600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5,200	5,100	5,000	+100	+200
Total Nonmanufacturing	557,700	559,400	554,500	-1,700	+3,200
Mining & Quarrying	800	800	700	0	+100
Construction	29,300	30,500	30,000	-1,200	-700
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	51,900	52,000	52,100	-600	-200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	170,300	171,000	172,000	-700	-1,700
Wholesale Trade	(53,500)	(53,700)	(53,600)	(-200)	(-100)
Retail Trade	(116,800)	(117,300)	(118,400)	(-500)	(-1,600)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	50,400	50,300	49,400	+100	+1,000
Services	150,700	152,100	148,000	-1,400	-2,700
Government	104,300	102,700	102,300	+1,600	+2,000
Federal Government	(28,400)	(28,600)	(28,000)	(-200)	(+400)
State & Local Government	(75,900)	(74,100)	(74,300)	(+1,800)	(+1,600)
In Labor-Management Disputes	500	500	100	0	+400

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Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: October, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$440.36	$445.81	$441.50	40.4	40.9	41.3	$10.90	$10.90	$10.69
Durable Goods	465.56	474.91	479.00	40.1	40.8	41.4	11.61	11.64	11.57
Lumber & Furniture	296.81	317.38	322.40	38.2	40.9	40.0	7.77	7.76	8.06
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	507.93	525.16	542.70	39.9	40.9	40.2	12.73	12.84	13.50
Primary Metal Industries	435.92	438.74	420.90	40.4	40.4	38.9	10.79	10.86	10.82
Fabricated Metal Products	391.94	401.82	378.22	41.3	41.9	41.2	9.49	9.59	9.18
Machinery Exc. Electrical	412.70	406.02	384.38	40.5	40.2	37.5	10.19	10.10	10.25
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	474.33	471.42	457.29	40.3	40.5	41.8	11.77	11.64	10.95
Transportation Equipment	586.00	612.35	662.61	40.0	41.6	44.5	14.65	14.72	14.89
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(589.20)	(615.68)	(666.17)	(40.0)	(41.6)	(44.5)	(14.73)	(14.80)	(14.97)
Other Durable Goods	256.26	255.87	239.36	36.4	36.5	37.4	7.04	7.01	6.40
Nondurable Goods	398.52	396.62	376.69	41.0	41.1	41.0	9.72	9.65	9.19
Food & Kindred Products	429.14	425.72	414.26	42.7	42.7	42.1	10.05	9.97	9.84
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	187.60	200.36	176.26	33.5	35.4	32.4	5.60	5.66	5.44
*Paper & Allied Products	389.93	395.47	372.20	42.2	42.8	42.2	9.24	9.24	8.82
Printing & Publishing	411.60	410.55	407.21	39.2	39.4	38.2	10.50	10.42	10.66
Chemicals & Allied Products	513.04	497.23	443.90	44.0	43.2	46.0	11.66	11.51	9.65
Petroleum & Coal Products	371.80	383.08	376.66	37.9	38.5	39.9	9.81	9.95	9.44
Other Nondurable Goods	292.73	396.79	285.78	40.6	40.6	42.4	7.21	7.31	6.74

* This series excludes industry 2771.

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

October, 1985

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate remained at 7.0% in October from September. Over the month, unemployment rose by 200 and total employment increased by 3,800. Most major industries registered little or no movement other than normal seasonal variations. Over the year, unemployment declined 5400 and total employment rose 31,300. The unemployment rate in October, 1984 was 7.6%. It now appears that the average unemployment rate for all of 1985 will be about 7.7%. The average rate in 1984 was 8.1%. Although employment will register a significant gain of 27,100, unemployment will decrease by only 3,400 (-3.6%). Unemployment will average about 91,900 for 1985. There were 300 labor disputants in October, 700 in September, and 200 in October 1984.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment was unchanged over the month. The food and kindred industry rose 400 in October after a September labor dispute was settled. Nonelectrical machinery, which previously had improved early in the year, declined 300. Over the year, manufacturing has added only 700 workers. Although motor vehicles (+3800) and aircraft (+1500) have registered significant gains, a majority of manufacturing industries have reported job losses. The three manufacturing sectors that have suffered the greatest declines are primary metals (-1300), leather (-700) and other nondurables (-600).

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment increased 1400 over the

month. State and local government rose 3300 as public school employment continued its seasonal rise after summer vacations. Services, due to seasonal declines in the hotel and recreation sectors, was down 1700. Over the year, nonmanufacturing has added 9600 workers. Services registered the largest gains, up 6400 over October 1984 levels. The greatest decline occurred in state and local government. Employment dropped 2000 because of public health care consolidations and hiring freezes in some other agencies.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

State UI continued claimants in the MSA were up 200 in October from September. In the Missouri portion of the MSA they were up 100 and in the Illinois portion they were up 100.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
INA	3	9	2	0
Agriculture	27	22	24	26
Mining	28	27	15	25
Constructin	1014	919	949	882
Manufacturing Total	3456	5869	3434	3056
Food	313	290	356	338
Textile	23	22	17	20
Apparel	215	184	216	195
Lumber	35	23	20	20
Furniture	97	120	98	69
Paper	84	85	98	85
Printing	179	131	128	143
Chemicals	218	277	274	284
Petroleum	15	12	21	23
Rubber	120	123	108	82
Leather	297	234	224	178
Stone	49	44	52	28
Primary Metal	151	137	128	100
Fabricated Metal	431	403	414	423
Machinery	95	90	93	89
Electrtical Machinery	220	276	252	317
Transportation Equip.	333	2844	393	187
Instruments	11	17	16	20
Miscellaneous	564	554	524	453
Public Utilities	950	923	627	490
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2164	2051	1904	1607
Finance	358	321	307	261
Services	5788	5282	5091	4308
All Other	259	251	277	247
TOTAL	14047	15674	12630	10902

Of the 10,902 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in October, 1985, 54.9 percent were male and 45.1 percent were female.

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1928	1842	1720	1546
Clerical	2337	2209	2282	1931
Sales	618	551	547	470
Farm, Fish & Forest	76	70	73	67
Processing	255	219	242	236
Machine Trades	1030	1009	968	865
Bench Work	819	755	752	736
Structural Work	1247	1580	1186	1006
Misc. Work	1795	1729	1538	1333
Domestic	38	40	38	38
Other Services	2249	2049	1862	1569
INA	1655	3621	1422	1105
TOTAL	14047	15674	12630	10902

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Min.	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	45.8	16.4	19.0	42.2	2.2
Placements, %	42.8	12.0	41.1	39.9	2.2

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1986 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	3.2	1.3
Clerical	14.7	11.2
Sales	12.3	12.9
Processing	1.4	1.7
Machine Trades	4.2	3.6
Bench Work	3.9	4.8
Structural Work	14.1	16.2
Motor Freight & Trans.	4.2	2.6
Packaging & Material Handling	9.2	11.8
Domestic	0.8	0.7
Other Services	30.4	31.8
Other Occupations	1.6	1.4

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in November, 1985 is expected to be 7.1% and in December, 7.2%.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area — Month and Year of Current: October, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,065,900	1,064,500	1,055,600	+1,400	+10,300
Percent Change				+(0.1)	+(1.0)
Manufacturing	229,600	229,600	228,900	0	+700
Durable Goods	147,200	147,400	143,900	-200	+3,300
Lumber & Furniture	5,500	5,400	4,600	+100	+900
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,500	3,500	3,700	0	-200
Primary Metal Industries	14,300	14,200	15,600	+100	-1,300
Fabricated Metal Products	17,400	17,400	17,500	0	-100
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,600	18,900	18,600	-300	0
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	15,300	15,300	15,000	0	+300
Transportation Equipment	59,400	59,400	55,600	0	+3,800
Motor Vehicles	21,700	21,700	19,100	0	+2,600
Aircraft & Parts	37,000	37,000	35,500	0	+1,500
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	13,200	13,300	13,300	-100	-100
Nondurable Goods	82,400	82,200	85,000	+200	-2,600
Food & Kindred Products	21,300	20,900	21,800	+400	-500
Meat Products	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Beverages	8,400	8,500	8,600	-100	-200
Textiles & Apparel	6,600	6,600	6,900	0	-300
Paper & Paper Products	5,800	5,700	5,900	+100	-100
Printing & Publishing	16,300	16,500	16,600	-200	-300
Chemical & Allied Products	20,500	20,600	20,600	-100	-100
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Leather & Leather Products	4,500	4,500	5,200	0	-700
Other Nondurable Goods	5,000	5,000	5,600	0	-600
Nonmanufacturing	836,300	834,900	826,700	+1,400	+9,600
Mining	3,700	3,700	3,600	0	+100
Construction	52,800	52,600	54,100	+200	-1,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	74,100	74,200	74,100	-100	0
Railroads	7,000	7,000	7,500	0	-500
Transportation, Except Railroads	39,500	39,600	39,400	-100	+ 00
Communications & Public Utilities	27,600	27,600	27,200	0	+400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	250,800	250,800	247,400	0	+3,400
Wholesale Trade	64,800	65,500	65,600	+300	+200
Retail Trade	186,000	186,300	182,400	-300	+3,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	64,500	64,600	62,600	-100	+1,900
Service, Except Domestic	253,000	254,700	246,600	-1,700	+6,400
Total Government	137,400	134,300	138,300	+3,100	-900
Total Federal Government	38,500	38,700	37,400	-200	+1,100
Total State & Local Government	98,900	95,600	100,900	+3,300	-2,000
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	300	700	200	-400	+100

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area **Month and Year of Current Data: October, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	INA	INA	$441.45	INA	INA	40.5	INA	INA	$10.90
Durable Goods	INA	INA	459.20	INA	INA	41.0	INA	INA	11.20
Lumber & Furniture	343.66	347.62	351.51	40.1	40.8	42.3	8.57	8.52	8.31
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	472.07	459.89	391.55	42.3	42.9	38.5	11.16	10.72	10.17
Primary Metal Industries	487.59	486.41	427.61	40.7	40.5	36.3	11.98	12.01	11.78
Fabricated Metal Products	434.70	435.14	406.76	42.0	41.8	39.3	10.35	10.41	10.35
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	461.96	447.92	452.65	41.1	40.1	41.3	11.24	11.17	10.96
Elect & Electronic Equip.	318.16	312.02	322.09	38.8	39.1	38.9	8.20	7.98	8.28
Transportation Equipment	INA	INA	590.91	INA	INA	44.8	INA	INA	13.19
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	316.79	309.68	290.70	39.5	39.2	38.0	8.02	7.90	7.65
Nondurable Goods	415.40	425.32	411.05	39.6	40.2	39.6	10.49	10.58	10.38
Food & Kindred Products	506.72	506.31	507.98	40.7	40.7	40.9	12.45	12.44	12.42
Textiles & Apparel	210.27	210.24	202.88	35.7	36.0	34.8	5.89	5.84	5.82
Paper & Paper Products	429.06	445.05	432.23	41.9	43.0	42.5	10.24	10.35	10.17
Printing & Publishing	384.54	414.74	411.34	37.7	39.2	38.3	10.20	10.58	10.74
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	494.08	491.83	464.51	41.8	41.4	41.4	11.82	11.88	11.22
Petroleum & Coal Products	590.36	607.92	595.16	41.4	42.1	42.3	14.26	14.44	14.07
Leather & Leather Products	193.14	202.71	188.84	35.7	37.4	35.1	5.41	5.42	5.38
Other Nondurable Goods	311.60	324.80	311.60	40.0	40.6	40.0	7.79	8.00	7.79

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

October, 1985

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force expanded by 700 from September to 122,200 in October. The estimated number of unemployed persons stands at 5,500, down 100 from a month earlier. The area rate of unemployment dropped one-tenth of a percentage point from September to October.

During October 1984, there were 5,900 workers unemployed and the rate of unemployment was calculated at 4.9 percent of the labor force.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Total payrolled employment rose from 400 from September to reach 97,800 in October. This is the net result of a drop of 200 in manufacturing jobs and a gain of 600 in manufacturing employment. Nonmanufacturing industries recording significant changes in employment levels since one month ago include: transportation and utilities, up 100; trade, up 200; and government, up 300. The jump in government occurred at state and local educational institutions and includes a substantial amount of student labor.

Since October 1984, payrolled jobs show an increase of 600. During the past 12-month period, manufacturing employment fell 1,200 and jobs in the nonmanufacturing sector rose 1,800.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose two cents from September to reach $8.86 in October. This average weekly hours worked slipped from 39.1 in September to 38.3 in October.

During October 1984, the average hourly wage came to $8.26 and the factory workweek averaged 38.3 hours.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

(Benchmark — March, 1984)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current:** October, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	97,800	97,400	97,200	+400	+600
Manufacturing	18,700	18,900	19,900	-200	-1,200
Durable Goods	9,500	9,700	10,600	-200	-1,100
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,000	1,000	900	0	+100
Other Durable Goods	8,500	8,700	9,700	-200	-1,200
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,300	0	-100
Food Processing	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	-100
Nonmanufacturing	79,100	78,500	77,300	+600	+1,800
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	4,200	4,200	3,700	0	+500
Transportation & Utilities	5,900	5,800	6,200	+100	-300
Trade	27,500	27,300	26,900	+200	+600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0
Services	24,100	24,100	23,100	0	+1,000
Government	12,900	12,600	12,900	+300	0
Federal	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
State and Local	11,200	10,900	11,200	+300	0
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payrolled employment is expected to remain near the current level during November. Slight reductions in construction and manufacturing should be off-set by seasonal hiring by retail trade in response to the Christmas rush.

A seasonal uptrend in the rate of unemployment will start in November and continue into the late winter months. An increase of one or two-tenths of a percentage point in the rate of unemployment in November seems likely.

Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: October, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$339.34	$345.64	$316.36	38.3	39.1	38.3	$8.86	$8.84	$8.26
Durable Goods	328.10	332.81	313.21	38.6	39.2	39.2	8.50	8.49	7.99
Nondurable Goods	364.56	362.70	322.51	39.2	39.0	36.9	9.30	9.30	8.74
Food & Kindred Products	400.25	402.70	370.12	40.8	40.8	39.5	9.81	9.87	9.37
Other Nondurable Goods	347.13	342.14	297.14	38.4	38.1	35.5	9.04	8.98	8.37

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